concrete gesture of our support to the Iraqi people, we are already planning to set up, jointly with Jordan, a hospital in Najaf in Iraq."

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

Illegal immigration from Bangladesh

477. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a joint communique issued in 1992 Bangladesh had admitted that illegal immigration of india is a serious problem;

(b) whether India and Bangladesh have agreed to check the problem through establishing mechanism for a joint verification; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) In the Joint Communique issued following the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister to India in 1992, both sides expressed their determination to stop illegal movement of people across their borders taking into account the problems being caused due to large scale immigration of people across their borders. However, the Government of Bangladesh has been denying that large scale illegal immigration is taking place. A mechanism for checking the problem including measures for verification has been agreed between the respective border forces of the two countries.

Chinese response to cross-border terrorism

478. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government could arrange to elicit a response from China on cross-border terrorism during recent visit by Prime Minister to that country;

(b) if so, the details of the response it received; and

(c) the steps being proposed to contain the cross-border terrorism with the active cooperation of China?